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HAD HIM THERE.

She (during a slight tiff): YOU NEVER CAN KEEP A SECRET, ANYWAY!
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OVERHEARD AT TROY.

"WHAT is Flannigan's business?"

"He's a voter."

THERE is one thing about Andrew Carnegie that this journal confesses its inability to comprehend, and that is, how a man of his wealth has managed to keep out of the United States Senate.

"HALF CALF."

"FULL CALF."

BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

"WHO IS THAT WITH YOUR DAUGHTER, SILAS?"
"IT'S A NOBLEMAN I BOUGHT FOR HER ON THE OTHER SIDE."
"DID YOU PAY MUCH FOR HIM?"
"WELL, I HAD TO PAY SOMETHING."
"YOU GOT CHEATED, SILAS."

UMMAILABLE LETTERS.

"DO you believe that marriage is a lottery, Mr. Wanamaker?" asked Benjamin Harrison.

"Largely so, Mr. President."

"Then you must forbid mail facilities to love-letters."

"While there's Life there's Hope."

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IF you have ever seen a spook, or heard the voice of one, or been touched by one, send word about it to Prof. William James, of Harvard University. He is taking a census of such cases. LIFE knows a grand story of a doctor who started to drink a cup of chocolate, but couldn't; he tried again and failed; something seemed to take him by the throat. It was not a rival chocolate company, as you might suppose. He didn't know what it was; he only knew that it was there, and that when he raised the cup to his lips he couldn't swallow. Years afterwards a "lady-poisoner" confessed that there was enough arsenic in that cup of chocolate to have laid ten men out as flat as stale beer. There's a story for you, Dr. James. It purports to be true, too, and if you wish, LIFE will try to get the names and dates for you.

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DR. JAMES also wants the names of people who haven't seen spooks or had any uncanny experiences, not necessarily for publication, but merely for purposes of general average. No postage stamp need be enclosed for a reply. That is not the game. Dr. James is a real professor.

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SOME day, perhaps, we will get truly modest, like the Japanese and the angels in heaven, and wear clothes for protection, not for concealment. Then there won't be any more such painful complications as have torn up Mr. St. Gaudens's mixed life class, and sent the public's blushing face behind its hands. It is understood, is it not, that when we die we die out of sex, as well as out of sight? Let us hope so. Sex is such a nuisance—a hindrance to friendship and an embarrassment to art. Mr. Grant Allen, who is professionally interested in it, is afraid it will die out in this world, and has written another magazine article earnest in beseeching aspiring females not to let go of their femininity. But LIFE believes that the unsexed female who dances in spec's before Mr. Grant Allen's intellectual vision is a spook. It takes pleasure in reporting his case to Prof. James.

THE American alligator is getting scarce, and collectors must catch him while they can. Another specimen of American fauna that promises to be rare is our friend, Col. Sheppard. Collectors should keep an eye on him too, though he may long persist, since his hide, although thick, is unavailable for gripsacks.

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LIFE is sorry for "Hungry Joe." Of course, you know about him. He is the great ex-bunco steerer, and until a fortnight ago he was shipping clerk at the Maryland penitentiary. But a man who drove a wagon that connected the penitentiary with a shoe-making firm in the outside world was rude to Joe, and Joe telephoned to the man's employers that they had better discharge him. For that he lost his situation as shipping clerk, and was put back to packing shoes in boxes. LIFE is sorry for "Joe." There isn't much fun in the penitentiary, at least for a man of talent, and if any man, bound or free, is not at liberty, under any circumstances to speak his mind into the hole in a telephone, then democracy is a delusion, and our vaunted liberty has a crack in it. The man who connects himself with a telephone abandons his right to have his personality considered. He is part of a machine—just as a rider of bicycles is—and the most we can demand is fair mechanical treatment.

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IS there anything about financial prosperity which turns humor to gall? Or is it nothing more than a coincidence that the two funny men who have made more money in this business than all the others put together should have gradually developed painful infirmities of temper. Our own Mark Twain has grown crabbed, the gossips say, and now word comes that the remarkable firm of Gilbert and Sullivan has been peremptorily dissolved because of the excessive irritability of Mr. Gilbert's temper. It seems as if Heaven had designed the gift of humorous composition to be the solace of penury, and that disastrous consequences followed when its intentions were set aside. Goldsmith and Dick Steele kept their dispositions sweet until the end, and Hood died in poverty loving all mankind. Gilbert, whose gains have been phenomenal, insults American publishers who treat him honorably, and finally tells his business partners that they have lived long enough off of his brains. Sang the poet:—

> Blithe the beggar fares
> Joyous echoes waking,
> Naught for thieves he cares
> Who has naught worth taking.

Certainly it is better to have less money and more fun. Mr. Gilbert says he will never send another opera to America. Let us take courage, brethren, and try to bear it, suspecting for our consolation that Gilbert will never write another opera that we will care to have.

SEE WHERE HIS GRACE STANDS 'TWEEN TWO SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS!

GERMANY, AFRICA AND ENGLAND.

"IT IS, IT IS, A GLORIOUS THING TO BE A PIRATE-KING!"

DEFEAT OF INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

MAY.

ENGLAND stands in a fair way of losing its reputation as the greatest land-grabber in the world. Germany seems to have introduced Oklahoma tactics into Africa with great success.

MR. CULBERTSON deserves to be remembered by the American people as the Friend of the Pirates. With him in the enjoyment of the title should be associated a number of other Congressmen from the back districts who have not achieved the knowledge that a man may labor with his brains as well as with his hands.

PILLAR HARRISON and Pillar Wanamaker are doing their best to sustain Brother Quay in the odor of sanctity, but Brother Quay is a pretty heavy load of iniquity for even so pious an administration as the present one.

WHEN fanatics steer up against the law of the land and the Supreme Court of the United States they find those two institutions a pretty firm barrier even against fanaticism. Still, not even the "original package" decision will serve to convince the Prohibitionists that the only way to deal with the liquor traffic is to seek to control, not to suppress it.

MEMORIAL DAY would be a more touching occasion were its observance not so entirely in the hands of the Grand Army of the Republic. The G.A.R. is so thoroughly associated with pension grabbing that their presence is more a reminder of the exactions of the living than of the heroism of the dead

AN OFFICAL SANCTION.

EMIN DEMANDS BACK PAY AND A PENSION. [HE MUST BE A DISGUISED G.A.R. MAN]

LOUISIANA'S STRUGGLE.

A CRITIC.

MEMORIAL DAY.

"SUCH SEPULCHRE NOR DREAR DECAY NOR ALL-DESTROYING TIME SHALL WASTE."

BOOKISHNESS.

THE UNCONVENTIONAL IN FICTION.

THE wise Adrian becomes sententious when he begins to smoke. The other day he blew out the following between two whiffs at a cigar: "All things that are unconventional are not of a necessity unusual. The conventional is simply the abominable." He was thinking of some stories which he called "bizarre," and which he liked accordingly. I suspect that he believes there are more noticeable things in life than most writers see, and that the unconventional is more usual than they imagine. If you asked him to give you his generalization of life, he would say: "It is a beautiful pageant; and to be interested in it is to be perpetually young." For one who sees so much variety and color in the actual daily pageant, the reflection of it in literature must, of course, be variegated to approach the reality.

Whether this outlook on life and letters is nearest the truth, or whether it is simply a matter of temperament, one may not say, for one's own personal equation is a large factor in such a judgment. But it is safe to hold the opinion that in this direction lies most happiness, and the surest refuge from despair.

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THERE is enough that is unconventional in Lafcadio Hearn's "Youma" (Harper's) to make it pleasant reading. It is, however, the picture of life on an island of the West Indies, and not the story, as we say, that makes it go. You could tell the story of this picturesque slave in a dozen pages; but you like to loiter around this tropical island, catch the rich color at every turn, and become a part of the plantation life, with its indolence and simplicity.

Youma, the beautiful slave, who was reared almost like a lady, is a vague, melodramatic figure in her way—a personification of fidelity and love. She can hardly reach the most sympathetic reader, for even he will say—at the culmination of the tragedy, when *Youma* sinks out of sight in a burning building with the child *Mayotte* clasped in her arms—"such a woman was created to die in just that way. She would have missed her destiny without this opportunity to be heroic."

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NOTES.—Augustus Jessopp has written "The Trials of a Country Parson" (Putnam's) in a frank, uncomplaining way, touched with just enough humor to show that the "trials" are not half so bad to him as they would be to a

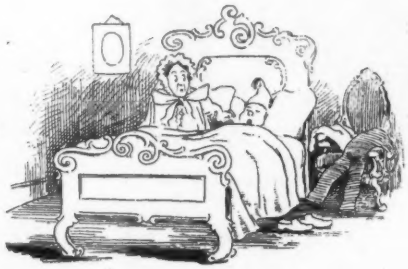
Clerk: MR. HARDFIST, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU IN REGARD TO MY SALARY.

Mr. Hardfist: AH, YES; MR. LEDGER, I WAS GOING TO MENTION THAT MYSELF. YOU HAVE, DURING THE PAST YEAR, BEEN HONEST, UPRIGHT AND DILIGENT. YOU HAVE WORKED ENTIRELY IN MY INTEREST. I FULLY APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICES, AND IN CONSIDERATION THEREOF YOUR SALARY THIS YEAR WILL——

Clerk (joyfully): THANK YOU, SIR; THANK Y——

Mr. Hardfist——WILL NOT BE REDUCED.

A ROBBER CAUGHT.



more solemn man. Indeed, he writes of his work as something to be enjoyed, and pokes fun at those who pity the Country Parson.

T. R. Sullivan's "Day and Night Stories" (Scribner's) brings together seven of his striking short tales—which, as a whole, make a deep impression of two qualities, an original fancy and a finished style.

John Elliott Curran, who wrote "Miss Frances Merley" and "Jeanne," died the other day at the age of forty-two. The men and women in his stories were always kindly, charitable, ingenuous, intensely sincere, and those who knew the author saw in them the reflection of his gentle nature. *Droch.*

NEW BOOKS.

MIDNIGHT TALES AT THE CLUB. By Amos K. Fiske. New York: Fords, Howard & Hulbert.

Angel or Devil? What the World thinks of Woman. New York: The Minerva Publishing Company.

Recollections. By George W. Childs. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company.

Nature's Serial Story. By Edward P. Roe. New York: Dodd, Mead & Company.

"OH, CLARA, TOM'S BEEN EXPELLED FROM YALE!"

"YOU DON'T TELL ME SO! WHAT WAS THE MATTER?"

"HE WAS FOUND STUDYING POLITICAL ECONOMY WHEN HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING HIS MUSCLES FOR THE NEXT BOAT RACE."

SOCIAL NUISANCE
THE INFANT PROD

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INFANT PRODIGY

"Is this a City of Refuge?" asked the disembodied spirit of one of the pioneers of Greek civilization, who had been left over from a spiritualistic séance of the night previous. The question was addressed to a patient New Yorker on his way to mail a letter of complaint to the New York Street-Cleaning Department.

"No, sir," replied the down-trodden citizen of a servile Republic, "this is a City of Refuse!"

"Ah, indeed. Everything is all so different. Tell me; is this the age of Phidias, or what age is it?"

"The Garb-age," replied the citizen, as he prepared to climb over the pile of débris in front of the lamp-post, "and there's an offal small chance of its ever being any other!"

And the spirit put ashes on its head and tore its penumbra into shreds.

A MAY-DAY EPISODE.

In the bushes a tramp couched, ready to spring on the baskets belonging to a May party.

On the soft sward of the park many happy children were skipping around a May-pole, and two girls, delegated to watch the baskets, looked longingly at their comrades.

The tramp wished they would go to join their playmates if only for a moment, but as they were faithful to their trust, he concluded to frighten them.

"Hist!" he said, in a running whisper; "hist! I'm de 'rig'nal ogre what yer've read about in de story books—him what eats chillun."

The two girls looked around in affright, but they saw no one.

"I'm hungry," continued the tramp, "but not hungry 'nuf ter eat chillun. When I'm reel hungry I eat p'licemen—chaw dem wid relish."

Then he parted the bushes and showed his dirty bearded-face, his blood-shot eyes, his snag-teeth.

The two guardians of the baskets screamed and ran away in terror. Then the tramp rushed out, grabbed a basket and started for the bushes again, but on the way back he collided with a park policeman's club.

"Put that basket where it was."

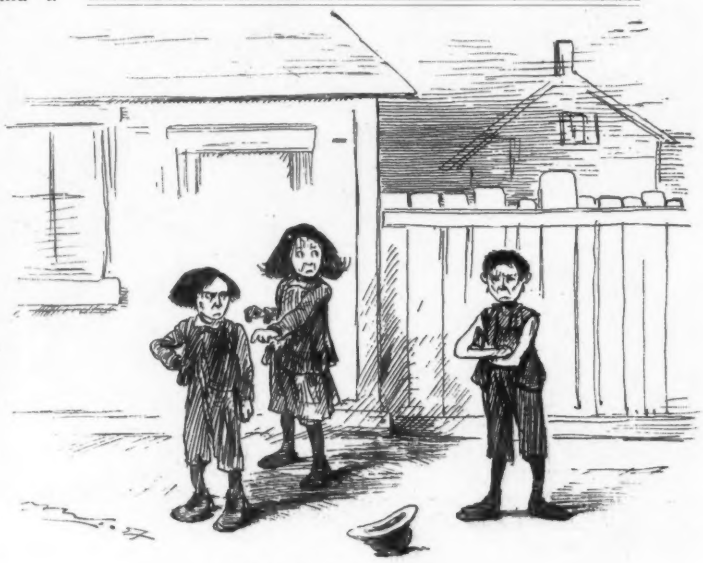
The tramp meekly obeyed aud shuffled towards the Arsenal, the grass-hopper urging him occasionally with the stick.

One of the two girls, plucking up courage, ran to the tramp and asked:

"Aren't you hungry enough to eat the policeman?"

"Not quite," said the ogre, with a twinkle in his eye. "I don't crave p'licemen ter-day."

Alexander L. Kinkead.



BEARDING THE LION.

Maude Duffy: Froissart MacGonigal, you may have blue'rer blood in your veins nor Terence Shea has, but you air not his eqwal by no manner o' means! He may be poor, but he is no eyesore who would sell his birthright for a mess of sausage!

FORCE OF HABIT.

"THOMAS, what is ophthalmia?" asked Speaker Reed's wife.

"I don't know," replied the Speaker; "but the eyes have it."

A BAD BREAK.

BOOK-KEEPER: I'm sorry to say, sir, that my grandmother is dead.

BOSS: That's sad. Is she going to be buried this afternoon?

BOOK-KEEPER; Yes, sir; if it doesn't rain.

GIVE US THEIR NAMES.

SUMWAY: Whom did the President mean when he spoke of "tried and true Republicans?"

STAGGERS: Not Quay and Dudley, anyhow; they haven't been tried yet.

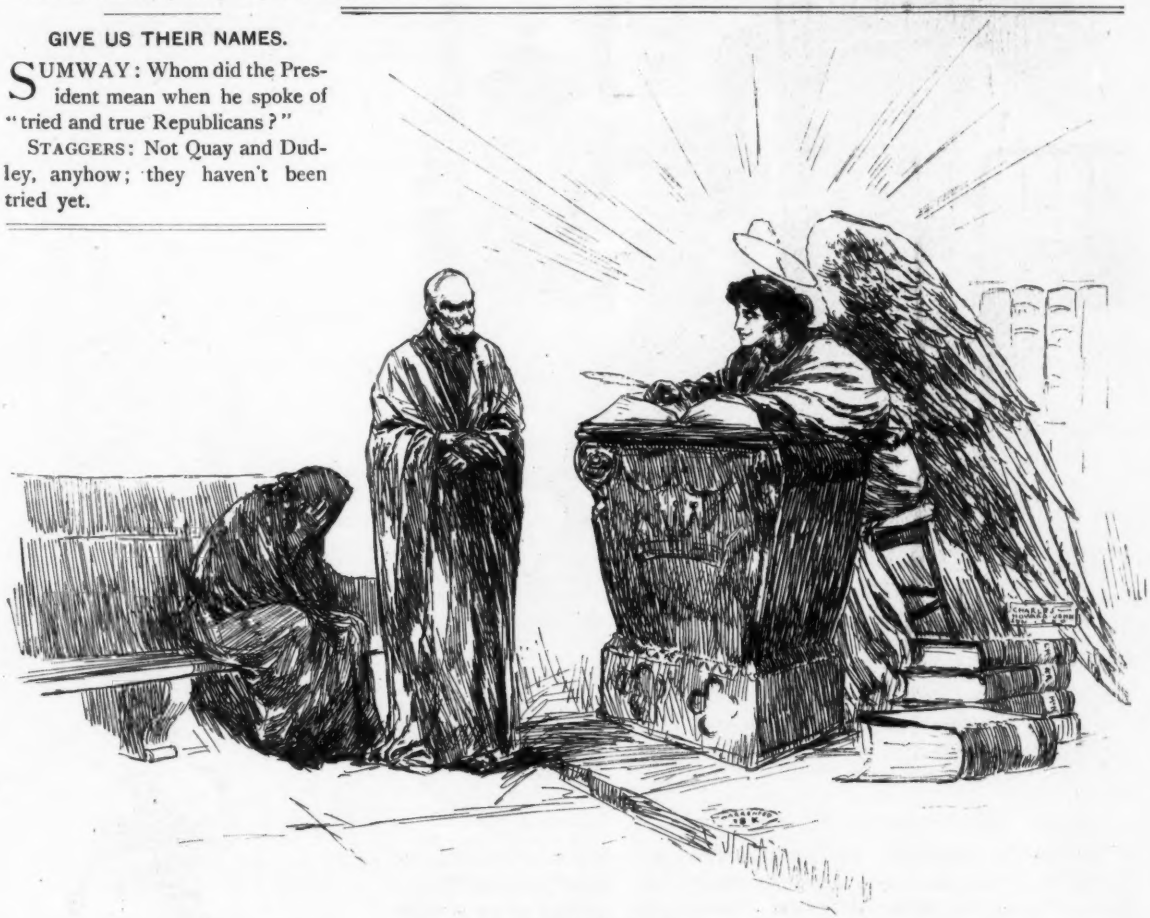
AND CHAPPIE CEASED TO SMILE.

"CLARA JOHNSON says you and I are engaged, Ethel," said Chappie.

"Clara Johnson always did say every spiteful thing about me she could think of."

TENNYSON ADAPTED TO PHILADELPHIA.—Never morning wore to evening but some bank did break.

A MISSIONARY ROUTE—The alimentary canal.



A FAIR RECOMPENSE.

A TRUSTEE of the Metropolitan Museum was waiting in one of the outer vestibules of Paradise. His post mortem reflections were gladdened by the assuring memories of a most exemplary life, as he gazed with reproving pity upon the trembling souls about him. In his turn he stood before the recording angel. A momentary anxiety was easily dispelled by the recollection of a pious life and his liberal donations to worthy charities.

Said the radiant figure: "Six days of every seven you shall have the freedom of these celestial gardens. The seventh you will pass in the lower regions."

"But why?" exclaimed the trustee in amazement. "What have I done to deserve such punishment?"

"It is not a punishment," answered the angel, with a Heavenly smile, "but a reward. As custodian of objects of beauty upon the earth, you shut them from the gaze of your fellow creatures every Sunday. These celestial realms are even more beautiful, and it is from deference to your very positive convictions that this special rule is made in your behalf."

Voice from the other room: GEORGE CULPEPPER, IF YOU DON'T PUT THAT CIGARETTE OUT, I'LL COME IN THERE WITH ONE OF MY WINTER SLIPPERS!

George: 'TAINT A CIGARETTE, MOTHER. JUDE SET TH' HAIR-MATTRESS AFIRE WITH THE CANDLE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME deserves special credit for securing the conviction of Alderman Barker. Mr. Jerome only did his duty, but even that is a remarkable occurrence where the duty consists in securing the punishment of a Tammany politician. The assault committed by Barker was of a particularly heinous nature, and every influence known to politicians hereabouts was brought to bear on Mr. Jerome to swerve him from his duty. As it is, he has probably lost all chance for future preferment at the hands of the politicians. Notwithstanding the threats and cajolery brought to bear on him, he secured the conviction of Barker and that "district heeler" is sentenced to four months' imprisonment—an entirely inadequate punishment under the circumstances.

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But the tailor-made man makes us tired.
—*Boston Courier.*

BISMARCK was no favorite with women, least of all with clever women who dared to think for themselves and imagine that they could fathom questions of state. He was never tired of snubbing strong-minded ladies, putting them down, and stamping on them. One day he paid a visit to the Russian Embassy at Berlin, where he behaved as usual, flouting even the mistress of the house, the Countess Schouvaloff herself. He took his leave at length, to the relief of everybody, and presently the family mastiff was heard barking at the great man, as he passed through the court-yard. Immediately the countess ran to the window, and Bismarck heard her voice, saying to him in a tone of gentle entreaty:

"Oh, please, M. le Chancelier, don't bite my dog."—*Argonaut.*

VICTORIA is a great stickler at formality; she will not tolerate anything like a breach of custom. The custom is that, whenever the queen visits a town, she shall, before leaving that town, knight the mayor thereof. The form of dubbing a knight is exceedingly simple. The candidate kneels before her majesty; she asks his name; he gives it simply "Andrew Jones," or whatever it might be; the queen touches him with a sword and says:

"Rise, Sir Andrew Jones."

On one occasion, the queen was about to knight the mayor of one of the smaller cities she had been visiting. The poor fellow was scared almost out of his wits. He was so nervous that when the queen asked his name, he answered:

"Mr. Thomas Hopkins."

Whereupon her majesty, incensed at his breach of custom and making no allowance for the poor man's trepidation, exclaimed:

"Rise, Mr. Thomas Hopkins," and, throwing the sword aside, sailed indignantly out of the room.—*Chicago News.*

"CONFOUND it, anyhow," said the mother-in-law joke when the Angel Gabriel blew his horn. "This is the seventeen million, five hundred and twenty-one thousand, four hundred and sixty-seventh time I have been resurrected."—*Washington Post.*

PEDDLER: Can I sell you some patent cement, sir?
MR. SEEDIE: Cement? What do I want with cement?
PEDDLER: Well, you look as if you was broke.—*Boston Courier.*

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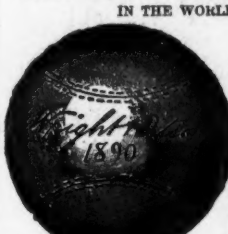

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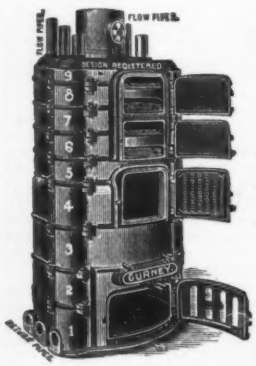

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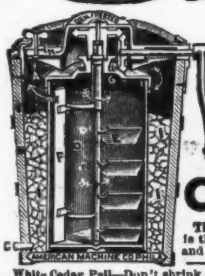

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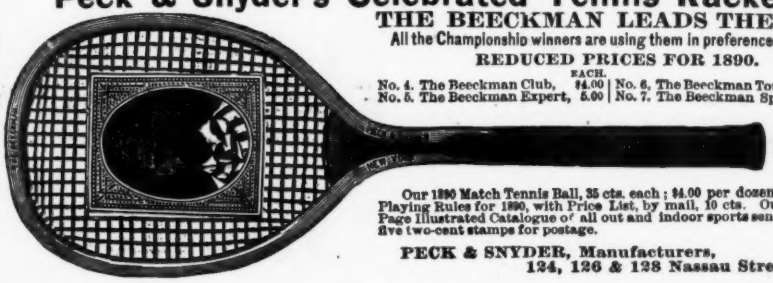

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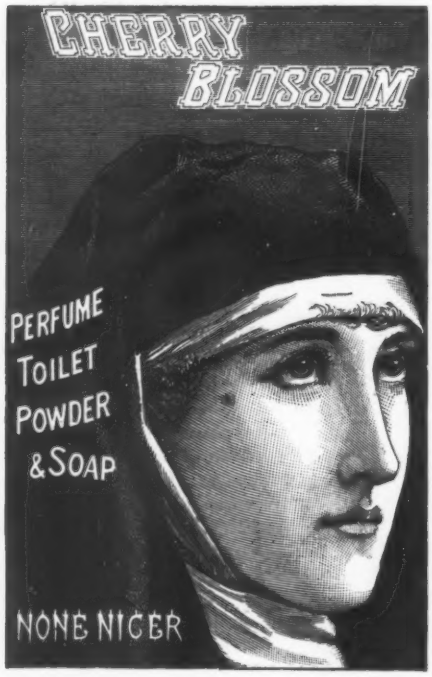

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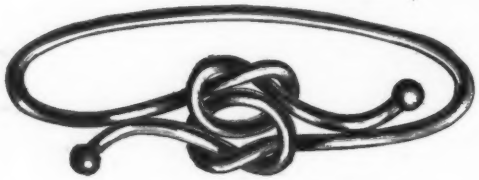

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